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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between 29 June and 8 July 1955, the Enke Kaserne (5281) in Magdeburg was occupied to capacity. A double-sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets was seen at the main entrance. Intensive traffic by individual soldiers, 50 percent of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and 30 percent black-bordered red epaulets, was observed.¹ 25X1
2. Between 29 June and 8 July, the Seeckt Kaserne (5287) appeared to be occupied by 250 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. On the basis of the percentage of lighted windows, however, the installation appeared to be occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers.²
3. On 1 June and 15 July, the Nachrichten Kaserne (5286) was occupied by an estimated 600 to 700 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 4 and 11 July, each 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with 1 x 160-mm mortar marched out of, and practiced near, the installation.³
4. Between 30 June and 15 July, the Flak Kaserne (5282) was occupied by 700 to 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Many individual soldiers passed through the gates. On 15 July, several small details of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and equipped with telephone equipment and cable reels left the installation and practiced in the area adjoining to the northeast. The AAA emplacement with 6 x 37-mm AA guns was still located east of the athletic field.⁴
5. Between 30 June and 15 July, the Herrenkrug Kaserne (5283) and Anger Kaserne (5284) were occupied by a total of 900 to 1,000 soldiers including 400 to 500 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the others black-bordered red epaulets. On 6 July, little traffic was observed in the barracks area. On 13 July, 2 canvas-covered tanks, presumably T-34s, were seen in the yard of the installation. On 18 July, 6 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were seen there.⁵
6. Between 30 June and 15 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne (5285) was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets. Approximately 50 percent of the windows of the installation were lit at dusk.¹
7. On 30 June and 4 July, 3 M-13 rocket launchers each were seen at the Grosser Anger post training grounds. On 30 June, and 4 and 15 July, each 8 to 10 mortars of 82 or 120-mm were seen there.

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8. On 9 July, it was determined that the fence around the civilian buildings near Enke Kaserne had been removed; there was intensive traffic from this installation to the Sudenburger Bahnhof.¹
9. On the same day, the following shipment was entrained at the Sudenburger railroad station:
12 large radio trucks, 14 trucks, 4 medium AA guns, 1 generator, 1 field kitchen, 6 jeeps, 5 two-axle armored personnel carriers, and 7 sedans. The train included 5 coaches with officers, children, and women and 6 boxcars with officers and soldiers who wore red-bordered black, black-bordered red and, a few officers, black-bordered black epaulets. At 1010, the train left Sudenburg toward the Magdeburg main railroad station. It did not proceed via the northern railroad bridge in Magdeburg. It was learned that loadings had also taken place during the preceding days.¹
10. Between 30 June and 13 July, the Seeckt Kaserne was still occupied by only a rear detail. No training and little vehicular traffic were observed.²
11. On 30 June, and 11 and 12 July, 12 trucks towing 85-mm AA guns were seen each day passing through Magdeburg en route to or from Prester.⁶
12. On 5 July, 40 to 50 trucks including some carrying signal equipment were entrained at the Friedrichstadt railroad station. Eight railroad cars for personnel were made available.¹

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1. Comment. The Enke Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the Hq Third Shock Army and the Hindenburg Kaserne by army signal units. The loading at the Sudenburg railroad station probably involved elements of headquarters and signal units which possibly participated in signal exercises of the army. Similar shipments were also observed with the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and the Eighth Gds Army during the same period.

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2. Comment. The Seeckt Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the 36th Bridge Bldg Regt of GSFG, the bulk of which is believed to be still stationed in the area west of Dessau.

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3. Comment. The observation of 160-mm mortars, is a vague indication that the Nachrichten Kaserne is at present occupied by the 573d Mort Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div which has so far until now been located in the Herrenkrug Kaserne.

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4. Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 3d AAA Div, elements of which are being continually being rotated to Wustrow for firing practices.

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5. Comment. Elements of the units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div stationed in these installations are assumed to be located at the Letzling Heath training grounds.

6. Comment. These were probably elements of the 3d AAA Div which practiced near the post.

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